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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action of May 4, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mori et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,040,142) in view of Weingarten (teach yourself... WordPerfect 6.1 for Windows, published in 1995). Claims 4-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mori et al. in view of Weingarten and further in view of Netscape Communications Corporation (Netscape Navigator Gold, Version 3.01 Gold). Claims 10 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mori et al. in view of Novell ("Press Release" published in 1997). Claims 11-17 and 19-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mori et al. in view of Novell and further in view of Weingarten. Claims 1-22 remain pending. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

I. Rejection of claims 1-5 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The rejection of claims 1-5 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is maintained in the Office Action as being unpatentable over Mori et al. (US Patent Number 5,040,142, issued on August 13, 1991) in view of Weingarten (teach yourself . . . Word Perfect 6.1 for Windows, published in 1995). Applicants respectfully disagree as explained below.

Applicants' previous argument that Mori et al. did not teach or suggest the limitation in claim 1 reciting, "receiving from the author's computer a copy of the electronic document having a first property identifying the location of the electronic document in the memory of the author's computer". The Final Office Action stated that, "the expressed limitation is shown in the portion

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of Mori et al. that is cited, most particularly it is shown in column 7, lines 4-6." Applicant respectfully disagrees with this conclusion.

Column 7, lines 4-6 of Mori et al. recites, "a station address 406 indicative of the sending station of the document (or person who created or drafted the document)". First, a "station" in Mori et al. corresponds to a "work station" shown in Figure 2. As recited, a work station contains a number of elements, including a processor, a memory, a display device, and other elements. (See Mori et al. column 4, lines 27-58) The meaning a "person who created or drafted the document" is straightforward. Applicant respectfully offers that a work station as defined by Mori et al. cannot be equated with a "location of the electronic document in the memory of the author's computer". These properties are simply not the same. Neither would a property identifying a person be equated with a property that identifies the "location of the electronic document in the memory of the author's computer". The claimed invention goes way beyond the scope of Mori et al. by providing not just an identification of the author or author's work station, but the actual location of the electronic document in memory as a property included in a copy of the electronic document. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully reiterate that Mori et al. does not teach or suggest all of the claim limitations of claim 1, and that this deficiency is not cured by the addition of Weingarten. Since neither Mori et al. nor Weingarten teach or suggest this limitation of claim 1, claim 1 is patentable over Mori et al. in view of Weingarten.

Claims 2-5 and 9 are dependent upon claim 1. Therefore, claims 2-5 and 9 are also patentable over Mori et al. in view of Weingarten for at least the reasons stated above.

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II. Rejection of claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The rejection of claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) were maintained in the Final Office Action as being unpatentable over Mori et al. (US Patent Number 5,040,142, issued on August 13, 1991) in view of Weingarten (teach yourself . . . Word Perfect 6.1 for Windows, published in 1995) as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Netscape Communications Corporation (Netscape Navigator Gold, Version 3.01 Gold) (hereinafter "Netscape").

The rejection was maintained on the same grounds that the rejection of Claim 1 was maintained. As stated above, neither Mori et al. nor Weingarten teach or suggest the limitation of claim 1. Claims 4-8 are dependent upon claim 1. Therefore, claims 4-8 are also patentable over Mori et al. in view of Weingarten and further in view of Netscape for at least the reasons stated above.

III. Rejection of claims 10 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The rejection of claims 10 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) were maintained in the Final Office Action as being unpatentable over Mori et al. (US Patent Number 5,040,142, issued on August 13, 1991) in view of Novell ("Press Release" published in 1997).

The rejection was maintained on the same grounds that the rejection of Claim 1 was maintained. As stated above, Mori et al. does not teach or suggest the limitation of claim 1, and Novell does not cure this deficiency. Therefore, claims 10 and 13 are also patentable over Mori et al. in view of Novell for at least the reasons stated above.

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IV. Rejection of claims 11-17 and 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

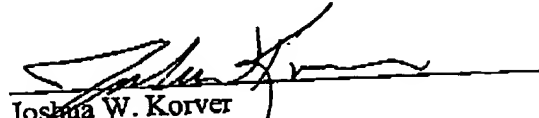
The rejection of claims 11-17 and 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) were maintained in the Final Office Action as being unpatentable over Mori et al. (US Patent Number 5,040,142, issued on August 13, 1991) in view of Novell ("Press Release" published in 1997) as applied to claims 10 and 18, and further in view of Weingarten (teach yourself . . . Word Perfect 6.1 for Windows, published in 1995).

Again, the rejection was maintained on the same grounds that the rejection of Claim 1 was maintained. As stated above, Mori et al. does not teach or suggest the limitation of claim 1, and neither Novell nor Weingarten cure this deficiency. Claims 11-17 are dependent on claim 10, and claims 19-22 are dependent on claim 18. Therefore, claims 11-17 and 19-22 are also patentable over Mori et al. in view of Novell for at least the reasons stated above.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

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